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The Spoken Word and Group Activities

B. F. and Dorothy McClerren presented the *Lincolns* before the **Association of Surgeons and Physicians** at the **Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum** in Springfield, IL on September 9, 2005.

On October 8, 2005, **Jason Emerson** presented "New Evidence from an Ignored Voice: Robert Todd Lincoln and the Authorship of the Bixby Letter" at the **Fredericksburg (VA) Athenaeum**. He presented "'I Have Done My Duty as I Best Know and Providence Must Take Care of the Rest': Reconsidering Mary Todd Lincoln's Insanity Case and Robert Todd Lincoln's Motivations Behind It" on October 28, 2005 at the **Conference on Illinois History**, Springfield, IL.

FJW discussed "Civil Liberties in Wartime: A Historical Conundrum" on October 9, 2005 at the 35-year reunion of the **Boston University School of Law** class of 1970. On October 19, 2005, **FJW** spoke about his book *Judging Lincoln* to the members of the **Rhode Island Civil War Round Table**. **FJW** also delivered "Union and Freedom: Lincoln's Learning from Washington" to **The George Washington Society** in Wilmington, DE on February 22, 2006.

Ronald C. White presented a lecture on his book, *The Eloquent President: A Portrait of Lincoln Through his Words* at **The Lincoln Museum** on October 13, 2005 and **Michael W. Kauffman** spoke more about his book, *American Brutus: John Wilkes Booth and the Lincoln Conspiracy* on November 5.

Edwin C. Bearss spoke about "The Most Forgotten, Misunderstood & Least Appreciated Civil War Battles and Soldiers" at the October 14, 2005 meeting of **The Civil War Round Table** of Chicago. This round table conducted a guided tour of the **Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library & Museum**, Springfield, IL, on November 5 and 6. **Bruce Allardice** spoke about "The Election of 1864" at the November 9, 2005 meeting and **James McPherson** presented "Abraham Lincoln as Commander-in-Chief" on February 10.

The Lincoln Group of the District of Columbia heard **Ron White** discuss *The Eloquent President* on October 18, 2005; **Edward Smith** discussed "The Creation of the Lincoln Statue in Richmond, VA" on November 15, 2005." On September 20, 2005, **Ernest "Pat" Furguson** discussed Civil War Washington. **Mike Kauffman** spoke about his *American Brutus: John Wilkes Booth and the Lincoln Conspiracies* on December 20; **Steven L. Carson** presented "Was Lincoln Gay?" on January 17; **Allen C. Guelzo** discussed "The Lincoln-Douglas Debates" on February 11 and on April 18, **Richard Striner** presented "Lincoln, Race, and Moral Strategy.

Doris Kearns Goodwin spoke about her new Lincoln book, *Team of Rivals*, on October 26, 2005 at the **92nd Street Y**, New York City. She participated in the "Civil War Round Table Day" at the **Pritzker Military Library** in Chicago on November 12, 2005.

Harry Jaffa presented "In Defense of Abraham Lincoln" at **Louisiana State University** in **Shreveport** on November 3, 2005.

The New York Times hosted a party celebrating the publication of *Lincoln in the Times: The Life of Abraham Lincoln as Reported in the New York Times* edited by **David Herbert Donald** and **Harold Holzer**, on November 9, 2005.

Hans Trefousse discussed his new book, *First Among Equals: Abraham Lincoln's Reputation during his Administration* at the November 10, 2005 meeting of **The Lincoln Group of New York**.

The 10th Annual Symposium of The Lincoln Forum was held in Gettysburg, November 16-18, 2005. Papers included: "Process vs. Truth in the History of Booth's Conspiracy" by **Michael W. Kauffman**; "Manhunt: the Twelve-Day chase for Lincoln's Killers" by **James L. Swanson**; "Not Everybody Loved Lincoln" by **Thomas P. Lowry**; "Lincoln's New York City Funeral" by **Richard Sloan**; "Writing History in a Vacuum: The Lincoln Assassination" by **Thomas R. Turner**; "Hemp and Hell – America's Reaction to Lincoln's Assassination" by **Thomas and Debra Goodrich**; "Lincoln's Chief Avenger: Joseph Holt and the Assassination" by **Elizabeth Leonard**; "Inter Arma Silent Leges. The Military Trial of the Lincoln Conspirators" by **Edward Steers, Jr.**; and "Collecting the Lincoln Assassination" by **Louise Taper**. **Gabor Boritt** read a portion of the Preface to his forthcoming book, *Gettysburg Gospel* and keynote speaker **Jay Winik** presented "April 1865: The Month That Saved America."

Dedication Day remarks at the **Soldiers' National Cemetery**, Gettysburg, PA were delivered on November 19, 2005 by United States **Representative Jesse Jackson, Jr.** and **United States Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission Co-chairman Harold Holzer**. **Jim Getty**, portraying Abraham Lincoln, delivered the Gettysburg Address.

Margaret S. Creighton was the luncheon speaker at **The Lincoln Fellowship of Pennsylvania** on November 19, 2005 and **Gary W. Gallagher** presented the **44th Annual Robert Fortenbaugh Memorial Lecture** "'The Progress of Our Arms: Whither Civil War Military History?" on November 19.

Carol Hoffecker spoke about "Lincoln and Delaware" to **The Lincoln Club of Delaware** on November 20, 2005. **FJW** presented "Abraham Lincoln and Civil Liberties in Wartime" to this group on February 9, 2006.

Dan Guillory presented "The Lincoln Poems: Theory and Practice" on December 1, 2005 at the **26th Annual Illinois History Symposium**. On December 3, 2005 **Bryon Andreassen** presented "Abraham Lincoln and the Mormons," and **Wayne Temple** presented "Abraham Lincoln and Religion."

The Lincoln Club of Topeka hosted a book discussion of **Tom Goodrich's** *The Darkest Dawn* on December 1, 2005.

Tours of the **Charles Woodberry McLellan Collection of Lincolniana** at **Brown University** were held on December 10, 2005 at the **John Hay Library of Special Collections** at Brown University.

On December 10, the **John Hay Library** hosted *Abraham Lincoln, The Civil War and African Americans: An Exhibition*.

Catherine Clinton was the **U.S. Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Series** speaker on January 15, 2006 in honor of **Martin Luther King Day**.

The Forbes House Museum in Milton, MA, which has a replica of the Lincoln birthplace cabin, held its **Lincoln Day** on February 12, 2006.

On February 12, 2006 the **George W. Painter Lecturers** at the **Lincoln Home Site** included **Richard West Sellars**, **National Park Service Historian** and historian **Robert Bray**.

The Fourth Annual Battle of Hampton Roads weekend celebrating **The Civil War Navies** was held at the **Mariners' Museum**, Newport News, VA, March 9-12, 2006. **James McPherson** delivered the keynote address.

The Surratt Society conducted a special bus tour of Civil War Baltimore on April 2, 2006.

The Chambersburg Civil War Seminars (www.chambersburg.org) conducted its annual **Lincoln Symposium** on May 20, 2006 with **Ed Steers**, **William Blair** and others.

On July 26-30, 2006 the **Chambersburg Civil War Seminars** will sponsor *Grant Moves South: The Overland Campaign of 1864* with **John Y. Simon**, **Ed Bearss**, **Richard Sommers**, and **Charles Bracelton Flood**.

George Mason University School of Law will conduct a colloquium, *Lincoln As President*, with **Allen Guelzo** and **Mark E. Neely**, June 1-4, 2006.

The International Lincoln Center at Louisiana State University in Shreveport will sponsor a conference, *James Madison and Abraham Lincoln*, October 19-21, 2006. Director **William D. Pederson** has issued a call for papers, One University Place, Shreveport, LA 71115-2301; Fax (318) 795-4203; Phone (318) 797-5138; e-mail wpederso@lsus.edu.

The 2006 annual conference of the **Association of Lincoln Presenters** was held in Cincinnati, Ohio April 7-9, 2006.

International Legacy

The Fall 2005 issue of the *Lincoln Newsletter* featured an interview with **Professor Joung-su Ahm** from **Kyung Hee University** in **Seoul, South Korea** who visited **Lincoln College**.

Francis P. Sempa, "Ripples of Union Win Spread Across World," appeared in the October 22, 2005 *Washington Times*.

Kenneth J. Zanca, "Pope Pius IX and the Fate of the Lincoln Conspirators" was published in the Fall 2005 *Lincoln Herald*.

Burros Carnahan's, "Lincoln Group of DC President's Column: The Lincoln Statue in Manchester, England," was featured in the September-October 2005 *Lincolnian*, along with three photos.

John M. Taylor, "San Jacinto Hunts the Alabama In Vain," appeared in the November 5, 2005 *Washington Times*.

Yervand Kocher, originally from **Armenia**, had his documentary "Wounded Warrior," presented on November 19, 2005 at the first **Lincoln Film Festival**, hosted by the **Friends of the Lincoln Museum** in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Peter Cliffe, "Pro-South Bias Costs Reporter His Pass. *Times* of London's Russell Barred from Union March," appeared in the November 2005 *Washington Times*.

The International Lincoln Center at LSU in Shreveport has launched its first in a series of symposia abroad on Lincoln's legacy in different regions of the world. The first was held in the Dominican Republic on November 21-23, 2005, focusing on Lincoln's legacy in Central America. **Professor Patricia Moral** (Lincoln, Argentina) chaired the symposium. **Ronald J. Byrd** presented a paper on "Rivera, Kahol and Trotsky: The Lincoln Connection;" **William D. Pederson** and **Skanda T. Shivashankara**, "Jose Marti, Fulgencio Batista, and Fidel Castro: Three Cuban Lincolnmasters;" **Dana Foster** and **Sashi Shiva**, "The Lincoln Legacy in the Dominican Republic;" **Matthew Perdoni** (Virginia Commonwealth University) on "Lincoln's Legacy in Haiti." **Ava Sedo** (University of Wisconsin), in cooperation with the **International Lincoln Association**, led a trip from Santo Domingo to La Romana to visit the **Abraham Lincoln School**.

John Andrew Prime, "Former Prosecutor Has Love For The Sea," appeared in the November 28, 2005 issue of *The (Shreveport) Times*, which dealt with **Randy Keene's** presentation on the Confederate commerce raider *CSS Alabama* to the **North Louisiana Civil War Round Table**.

The Presidential Commission on the Abraham Lincoln Study Abroad Fellowship Program for undergraduates held regional meetings during the fall to review its recommendations. On December 1, 2005 it announced a goal to increase the number of undergraduates abroad within a decade to one million annually. That is more than five times the number currently. It calls on the government in 2006, the year of study abroad, to start the program next year with an annual budget of \$50 million, rising each year to \$125 million in a decade. The commission's work grows out of the legacy of the late **Senator Paul Simon**. **William D. Pederson** attended the regional meeting held at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville on October 4, 2005.

Lynn Schooler's *The Last Shot: The Incredible Story of the CSS "Shenandoah and the True Conclusion of the Civil War* (Ecco/Harper Collins) was reviewed by **Kathleen Burke** in the December 2005 *Smithsonian*.

Pamela Oldham's *The Legacy of Lincoln* (Penguin, Alpha) lists the **International Lincoln Center** at **LSU in Shreveport** as the only "Lincoln destination" in a deep South state. It describes the center as a "unique collection of documents and artifacts that focus on Lincoln's legacy in the United States and abroad.

Dr. Ronald J. Byrd has been selected to receive the 2005 **International Lincoln Center's Faculty Research Fellowship**. The fellowship consists of a \$6,000 stipend to investigate the Lincoln legacy abroad.

On December 5, 2005 **Jim Percoco** delivered opening remarks about **Abraham Lincoln at the International Chinese-American History Educator's Conference** in Washington, DC.

Arts

"Decoding Our Past Presidential Prophecies" was broadcast on **The History Channel** on October 24, 2005. Lincoln interpreter **Charlie Brame** appeared as Abraham Lincoln, **Ted Alexander** as George Washington and **Peter Small** as Franklin D. Roosevelt.

On November 19, 2005, the **Friends of the Lincoln Museum**, Fort Wayne, IN hosted the first *Lincoln Film Festival*. Films included *Wounded Warrior* by **Yervand Kocher** with **Harold Holzer** drawing parallels between the Civil War and war in our time. Twelve-year-old **Zach Rooker's** *Lincoln in the Civil War* was also shown along with **Dr. Jeffery Chown's** *Lincoln and Black Hawk*.

Walden Media will film the adaptation of **James Swanson's** *Manhunt* with **Harrison Ford** playing the lead role of Colonel Conger who led a New York cavalry unit in the search for Abraham Lincoln's assassin. Based on Swanson's forthcoming book published by **William Morrow**, the movie will be produced by **Lawrence Bender** as adapted for the screen by **Mike Rich**.

The Lincoln-Douglas Society, Freeport, IL has announced an expansion of the debate site at a cost of \$274,000. It will be dedicated on August 27, 2006. For those interested in participating and contributing, contact **Edward F. Finch**, President of **The Lincoln-Douglas Society**, www.lincoln-douglas.org; finchatsea@aol.com.

Criterion has issued **John Ford's** *Young Mr. Lincoln* in compact disk.

Heritage-Slater Americana auction featured a campaign poster of Abraham Lincoln and Hannibal Hamlin on a giant postcard offering a free catalogue.

Artist **Wendy Allen** has produced *Lincoln 95*.

Artist and author **Thomas J. Trimbarn** has produced *Encounters with Lincoln: Images and Words* (**Truman State University Press**).

Calligrapher and illustrator, **Winfred Hilda** (15 Edna Avenue, East Providence, RI 02915) has produced a calligraphy of Abraham Lincoln.

The History Channel broadcast the nationally televised three-hour special, *Lincoln*, on January 16, 2006. On January 14, the network presented a special edition of its series featuring a tour of New York with host and guest **Harold Holzer**.

Exhibits

In the Summer of 1862, while waiting in the telegraph office of the War Department for favorable news from the front, President Abraham Lincoln drafted one of the most important documents in the history of the United States – the Emancipation Proclamation. It declared "that all persons held as slaves" within the rebellious states "are, and henceforward shall be free." The original is written in pencil on paper that President Lincoln found in the office. It is now a fragile document, sensitive to light, air, and changes in temperature. It can be shown only 10 days (or 80 hours) each year. **The New-York Historical Society** displayed the document during Columbus Day week, October 11-14, 2005, in Albany, NY.

The National Traveling Exhibition, *Forever Free: Abraham Lincoln's Journey to Emancipation*, arrived at the **Tisch Library, Tufts University** for display October 12 – December 2, 2005. In conjunction with the exhibition, the Library held many events, including "Principle and Prudence in Lincoln's Statecraft and Statesmanship, Politics and Persuasion" with **David Bromwich** and **Steven Smith**, "Did Lincoln Really Believe 'all men are created equal'?" with **V. Phillip Munoz**, "Spiritual Development: Lessons from Lincoln" with **W. George Scarlett**, "Wrists of Activism: Stowe, Lincoln and the Twenty-First Century" with **Liz C. Ammons**, and a special *Grand Finale Lecture* by **David Herbert Donald** on December 2, 2005. Excerpts from the musical *Our American Cousin* were performed on November 7th and **David Blight** spoke at the **Museum of Afro-American History** on November 15. The Library also held a Friday afternoon film series with **Ken Burns'** *The Civil War* on September 16, 23, and 30; *Young Mr. Lincoln* on October 7, *Glory* on October 14, and *The Speeches of Abraham Lincoln* on November 18. **Fred Laffert, Jr.** led a study group on Abraham Lincoln; *His Life and Times* on Monday, September 19.

This exhibit opened at the **Providence, (RI) Public Library** on December 14, running through February 10. **FJW** made opening remarks on December 15 and presented "Abraham Lincoln and the Emancipation Proclamation: An Act of Political Courage" on January 12. Other presentations included: "Lincoln Through the Eyes of a Civil War Regiment" on January 19; "Abraham Lincoln: The Civil War and Conflicting Legacies of the Emancipation" on January 26; "Finding Lincoln Wherever You Travel: The Presence of Lincoln in New England and Beyond;" "Lincoln's Cane to Frederick Douglass: Reflections on Lincoln's Ideology of Race and His Impact on Black America;" and, on February 2, selections from the opera *Our American Cousin*.

Edward Rothstein reviewed the exhibition *Slavery in New York* at the **New-York Historical Society** in the October 7, 2005 *New York Times*. On view through March 5, 2006, the exhibit is the work of James Oliver Horton and over twenty scholarly advisors. It explores "New York's rootedness in the enslavement of Africans."

"The, Thenceforward, and Forever Free" by **Jim Dwyer** was in the October 6, 2005 *New York Times*. The author discussed the first draft of the Emancipation Proclamation in Abraham Lincoln's hand that is now a treasure of the **State of New York**.

The Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum hosted the exhibit, *Christmas at the White Houses* on November 25, 2005.

The traveling exhibit from the **National Constitution Center**, *"Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War"*, opened at the **Lincoln Museum**, Fort Wayne, IN on February 11, 2006. The exhibit will travel to Hartford, CT on July 4.

Sculptor Richard Maslowski has an exhibit of his Lincoln sculpture at **The Lincoln Museum**, Fort Wayne, IN which will run through June 2006.

The Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum will host an exhibit, *Mr. Lincoln's Attic* through April 2, 2006. Another exhibit, *Mrs. President: From Martha to Laura*, will be on display from May 13 to October 29, 2006.

Collections

Ground was broken on September 21 for the \$2.65 million **Union Square Park** to complement the **Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library & Museum** in Springfield. **Chris Wetterich** described the ceremony in "Ground Breaks on Union Square Park" for the September 22, 2005 *State Journal-Register*, Springfield.

On October 3, 2005 the **Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum** inaugurated its "Evenings to Remember" series. Director, **Richard Norton Smith** met on stage with former Governor **Jim Thompson** to discuss his experiences from childhood to his most recent work on the federal commission that investigated the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. Governor Thompson was Illinois's longest-serving governor.

The November 2005 *Civil War News* reported that **Pamplin Historical Park** and **National Museum of the Civil War Soldier** had acquired **William Gladstone's** collection of African-American documents, photographs, and objects. The first special exhibit featuring the **Gladstone Collection** debuted in February in conjunction with **Black History Month**. Valued at more than 1.3

million, park officials indicated that Gladstone conveyed his collection for much less than full market value.

The Gettysburg Cyclorama painting closed to visitors on November 20, 2005, as conservators entered the next phase of a multi-year, \$9 million project to restore the painting as close as possible to its original state. **The Cyclorama Building** is expected to reopen in the Spring. The 120-year-old-painting will next be on view when the new Museum and Visitor's Center opens in November 2007. **Lisanne Renner** wrote about the project in "For the Painted Soldiers of Gettysburg, The War is Now Against Time" for the November 16, 2005 *New York Times*. Painted by **Paul Philippoteaux**, the work is just under 365 feet in circumference and 27 feet tall. When restored, the cyclorama will hang in the new **Gettysburg National Battlefield Museum** to be built less than a mile from its present location.

Pete Sherman, in the November 30, 2005 *State-Journal Register* (Springfield, IL), wrote about the construction at **Union Station**, Springfield which is to serve as the visitor's center for the **Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum**.

Pete Sherman wrote in the December 10, 2005 *State-Journal Register* (Springfield, IL) about the **Kincaid** family of Athens, IL who presented a survey done for John Kennedy Kincaid in 1835 by Abraham Lincoln to the **Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library & Museum**.

Henry Lincoln Vehmeyer, Jr. of Narragansett, RI, has donated a 1918 Lincoln-Illinois commemorative silver half-dollar and the 1918 Lincoln-Illinois die trial piece, one of two struck, to **The Lincoln Museum**, Fort Wayne, IN.

Dan Weinberg and **The Abraham Lincoln Bookshop** has produced Catalog 157.

On February 13, 2006, **The Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission** and its **Advisory Committee and Governor's Council** gathered in the **Jefferson Building** of the **Library of Congress** to continue planning the national and international celebration of **Abraham Lincoln's 200th birthday** on February 12, 2009. On that evening, there was a reception in the **Library of Congress's Great Hall** followed by a performance of **Harold Holzer's** *The Lincoln Family Album* with **Liam Neeson** and **Holly Hunter** portraying Abraham and Mary Lincoln. Mr. Neeson has been cast as Abraham Lincoln in **Steven Spielberg's** forthcoming epic about Lincoln. On December 13, 2005 the U.S. House of Representatives passed Senate Bill 1047 authorizing a special Abraham Lincoln Presidential \$1 coin. The legislation now goes to President Bush for signature.

The University of Virginia Press will publish the **Lincoln Legal Papers** selective print edition of Lincoln's legal papers as a four-volume slip-case set in Fall 2007.

Online

Indiana's **Lincoln Bicentennial Task Force** has launched a new website at www.indianaslincoln.org.

Sculptor Robert Berks has produced a 2 ½ minute video, *The Lincoln Quartet*, www.robertberksstudios.com.

Historic America Quill & Document Co., Inc (P.O. Box 218, White Oak, GA 31568) is selling high-quality prints of **George P. A. Healy's** White House portrait of Lincoln (24" by 32") and *The Peace Makers* (24" by 32"). Both are priced at \$49.95 each. www.historicprints.org/prints/html.

Awards and Prizes

The first **Founder's Day Award** of the **Coles County Historical Society** was presented to **B. F. and Dorothy McClerren** for their historic portrayals of Abraham and Mary Todd Lincoln. The McClerren's have represented the Coles County areas and events all over the nation.

Sculptor, **John McClarey**, who has received many commissions to do statues of Abraham Lincoln, received **The Richard Nelson Current Lincoln Forum Award of Achievement** at Gettysburg on

November 18, 2005. **FJW** was also surprised with a special **Current Award** celebrating his ten years as **Forum Chairman**.

The Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum received the **National Award of Achievement** from **The Lincoln Group of New York** as well as a **2005 Thea Award** for achievement in the creation of compelling experiences.

Auctions

The **Sotheby's** auction of books and manuscripts held on December 2-3, 2004 (Sale No. 8037) included Abraham Lincoln's own copy of *Laws of the State of Illinois Passed by the 13th General Assembly* published in Springfield in 1843 with Lincoln's signature pasted on the front. It sold for \$32,400. An ANS of Abraham Lincoln from a Kansas woman's autograph album mounted on a sheet bearing a signature of U.S. Grant sold for \$28,800. A four-line verse handwritten and signed by John Wilkes Booth written on an envelope on March 5, 1865 (the day after Booth attended Lincoln's Second Inaugural) sold for \$24,000).

A souvenir copy of a printed Emancipation Proclamation autographed by Abraham Lincoln sold for \$688,000 on November 15, 2005 at **Christie's**. The text, from the collection of the late publisher **Malcom Forbes** is one of about fifteen surviving copies of an oversized printing of the proclamation made in Philadelphia to raise money for war relief. At the same auction, one buyer paid \$307,100 for a first printing of the Gettysburg Address dating from 1863. A report from the President's doctor, detailing his death and autopsy, sold for \$240,000.

An auction of the **Henry Luhrs Lincoln Library Collection** was held by **Heritage Galleries & Auctioneers** on February 20, 2006. It included a woman's pocket watch engraved "To Ms. Mary Todd from A.L. 1841."

Books and Pamphlets

The Emancipation Proclamation: Three Views: Social, Legal, and Pictorial by **Harold Holzer**, **Edna Greene Medford** and **Frank J. Williams** with a Foreword by **John Hope Franklin** has been published by **Louisiana State University Press**.

Simon & Schuster has published **Doris Kearns Goodwin's** *Team of Rivals: The Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln*.

The Lincolns in the White House: Four Years that Shattered a Family by **Jerrold Packard** was published by **St. Martin's Press**.

The Complete Idiot's Guide to the Legacy of Lincoln by **Pamela Oldham** has been published by **Penguin Group**.

John Channing Briggs's *Lincoln's Speeches Reconsidered* has been published by **Johns Hopkins University Press**.

Oxford University Press published **Richard Striner's** *Father Abraham: Lincoln's Relentless Struggle to End Slavery*.

The University of North Carolina Press has published *The Boundaries of American Political Culture in the Civil War Era* by **Mark E. Neely, Jr.**

The Rise of American Democracy: Jefferson to Lincoln by **Sean Wilentz** has been published by **W.W. Norton**.

Thomas F. Schneider wrote *Lincoln's Defense of Politics: The Public Man and His Opponents in the Crisis over Slavery* (**University of South Carolina Press**).

The Menard, Illinois Tourism Council has published a special issue of *Voices From The Past* featuring the **Long Nine Museum** in Athens, IL.

St. Martin's Press has published *Lincoln in the Times: The Life of Abraham Lincoln as Originally Reported in the New York Times* edited by **David Herbert Donald** and **Harold Holzer**.

Barbara Hambly has written the novel, *The Emancipator's Wife: A Novel of Mary Todd Lincoln*, which has been published by the **Bantam Publishing Group**.

Abraham Lincoln, President-Elect: The Four Critical Months from Election to Inauguration by **Larry D. Mansch** has been published by **McFarland & Company**.

Hank H. Cox has written *Lincoln and the Sioux Uprising of 1862* (**Cumberland House Publishing**).

Dear Mr. Lincoln: Letters to the President and *The Lincoln Mailbag: America Writes to the President, 1861-1865* edited by **Harold Holzer** have been re-published in paper by **Southern Illinois University Press**.

Random House has re-published **Richard Carwardine's** *Lincoln, A Life of Purpose and Power*.

Books and Pamphlets of Related Interests

In his arresting new novel, *The March*, **E. P. Doctorow**, with fact and fiction, discusses General William Tecumseh Sherman's Union Army as it cuts through Georgia and the Carolinas.

James Taranto and **Leonard Leo** have edited *Presidential Leadership: Rating the Best and the Worst in the White House* (Wall Street Journal Book/Free Press). The book includes a new nationwide survey which ranks the presidents from best to worst. George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, and Franklin Delano Roosevelt are rated as "great" presidents. In addition to biographies of each president, there are chapters on presidential leadership relating to economic policy, conducting war, the judiciary, and leadership after disputed elections.

Darrel E. Bigham has written *On Jordan's Banks: Emancipation and Its Aftermath in the Ohio River Valley* published by the **University Press of Kentucky**.

America's Constitution: A Biography by **Akhil Reed Amar** has been published by **Random House**.

Harry N. Abrams, in association with **The Library of Congress**, has published **Margaret E. Wagnor's** *The American Civil War – 365 Days*.

Michelle A. Krowl has written *Women of the Civil War* for the **Women Who Dare Series** for the **Library of Congress**. It has been published by **Pomegranate** as have the annual 2006 Civil War wall calendar and 2006 Civil War engagement calendar.

Wayne Temple has written the introduction, *John Hay, "Author and Statesman,"* for *The Pike County Ballads* (**James Stevenson Publisher**, Fairfield, CA).

United No More! Stories of the Civil War by **Doreen Rappaport** and **Joan Verniero** and illustrated by **Rick Reeves** has been published by **HarperCollins**.

Periodicals

The History Channel Magazine for May/June 2005 included "Lincoln Financial Group Celebrates 100 years."

"A. Lincoln, Debtor-Creditor Lawyer" by **Roger D. Billings, Jr.** appeared in the Summer 2005 *Journal of Illinois History*.

A summary of **Burrus Carnahan's** presentation at the April meeting of the **Lincoln Group of District of Columbia**, "Abe Lincoln's Ships," was in the July/August 2005 *Lincolnian*. **Wayne C. Temple's** "Lincoln's Route to Washington from Springfield in 1848" was also in this issue.

The September 12, 2005 *Chicago Tribune* editorial, "A Lincoln for our Time," called the new **Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library** in Springfield, IL "a great achievement that is bound to

enhance the public's understanding of Lincoln and the divided nation that he did so much to preserve."

James Lighthizer, President of the **Civil War Preservation Trust**, wrote the op-ed "Gambling with History" for the September 27, 2005 *New York Times*, arguing that Gettysburg is no place for a proposed casino.

David Herbert Donald wrote "1860: The Road Not Taken" for the October 2005 **Smithsonian** section, *Four Fateful Elections* which included articles about Theodore Roosevelt if he had won in 1912, as well as how Franklin Delano Roosevelt in 1932, and Ronald Reagan, in 1980, emerged to lead a dispirited nation.

Frank J. Williams' "Toward a More Perfect Union" was in the Fall 2005 *Lincoln Lore*. Also in this issue was **Sara Gabbard's** "At the Cannon's Mouth: The Founders and Slavery."

Sophia A. Nelson wrote "I'm Hoping Bush Can Finish What Lincoln Started" for the October 23, 2005 *Washington Post*.

Frederick Hatch wrote, "Lincoln's Missing Guard" and **Kenneth J. Zanca** wrote "Pope Pius IX and the Fate of the Lincoln Conspirators" for the Fall 2005 *Lincoln Herald*. This issue also contained **FJW's** "Lincolniana" and "Publication/Playback Review" edited by **Edward Steers, Jr.**

The Fall 2005 issue of **The Lincoln Group of New York's** *Wide Awake Bulletin* reviewed the programs held during the 2004-2005 season.

Harold Holzer's "Abraham Lincoln, George Washington, and The Hero Factor" was in the Fall 2005 *National Constitution Center News*.

Judge Jerome Harman's paper, "The Supreme Courts of Abraham Lincoln and Jefferson Davis" was presented at **The Lincoln Club of Topeka** on November 3, 2005.

The 2005 *Newsletter of The Lincoln Fellowship of Pennsylvania* included **FJW's** remarks at the **Soldiers' National Cemetery** in Gettysburg on November 19, 2004.

The November 28 *Weekly Standard* published **David Gelernter's** "Abraham Lincoln's Thanksgiving."

"Lincoln's Religion and His Bible" by **Norm Schmidt** appeared in the Fall 2005 *Lincoln Newsletter* of **Lincoln College**.

"Lincoln, Meade & The Lost Opportunity of Gettysburg" by **Glenn W. LaFantasie** appeared in the December 2005 *Civil War Times*.

Dinesh D'Souza's "Lincoln: Hypocrite or Statesman?" can be found on <http://www.hooverdigest.org/052/dsouza.html>.

Wayne C. Temple wrote "Abraham Jonas: One of Lincoln's 'Most Valued [Masonic] Friends'" for *The Illinois Lodge of Research*, Volume 14, 2005.

The Winter *Score Four and Seven* (a publication of the **Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library Foundation**) featured a message from **Richard Norton Smith**, Executive Director of the **Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library** and an interview with **Joshua Wolf Shenk**, author of *Lincoln's Melancholy: How Depression Challenged a President and Fueled his Greatness*.

Bruce Rushton discussed the efforts of the **Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library Museum Foundation** to raise funds for the Library and Museum in the November 24-30, 2005 *Illinois Times*.

Jeffrey D. Wert wrote "'A Silent Gloom Fell Upon Us'" for the January 2006 *Civil War Times*. The author told about how Union soldiers, grieving over Lincoln's murder worried that reconciliation might be hard to achieve.

Mark Grimsley discussed "The 'Dump Lincoln' Movements of 1864" in the January 2006 *North & South*.

The Medal, No. 47 for 2005 published **William Eisler's** "The Bovy Medal Workshop and the American Civil War."

Sarah Gabbard edited "My Own Dear Ellen, 1862" – the letters from **George W. Squier** of the 44th Indiana Volunteer Infantry – for the Winter *Lincoln Lore*. **FJW's** "Lincolniana in 2005" was in the same issue.

Daniel Mark Epstein wrote "Lincoln and Whitman Greet the New Year" for the February 2006 *Civil War Times*.

Reviews of Related Books

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People

Thomas A. Horrocks, the Associate Librarian for Collections at the **Houghton Library, Harvard University** is working with the Lincoln Collection that came to the library from the widow of **Alonzo Rothschild** in 1916 and by a bequest of **William W. Nolan** in 1924.

Harold Holzer has been named a contributing editor of *AmericanHeritage* Magazine.

Frank Milligan, who most recently served as Executive Director of the **Nantucket Historical Association** and **Nantucket Whaling Museum**, has been named director for the **Lincoln Cottage at the United States Armed Forces Home** by the **National Trust for Historic Preservation**.

In the September 8 and October 13, 2005 issues of the *Washington Post*, **Linda Wheeler** wrote about the 11-year effort by **Russ and Budge Weidman** to organize Civil War files at the **National Archives**.

Doris Kearns Goodwin was profiled in the October 20, 2005 *USA Today* in **Bob Minzesheimer's** "Getting Intimate With Lincoln."

The late **C.A. Tripp**, who wrote the controversial book *The Intimate World of Abraham Lincoln*, arguing that Lincoln was gay, left a \$1 million bequest to support Lincoln research by the **Illinois Historic Preservation Agency**. At least half of the donation will be directed to **The Papers of Abraham Lincoln** project, an effort to collect everything written to and by Lincoln. **Pete Sherman** wrote about the bequest in "Controversial Author Left Money for Lincoln Research" for the October 29, 2005 *State Journal-Register*.

Gabor Boritt was profiled in the October/November 2005 *Gettysburg Companion*.

Craig Symonds has been named Chief Historian of the *USS Monitor Center* of the **Mariner's Museum**. The 63,500-square-foot exhibition conservation and research center devoted to the Civil War ironclad *USS Monitor* will open in 2007.

Charles D. Platt, Treasurer of **The Lincoln Forum**, has been re-elected Vice President of the **Churchill Centre**, Washington, DC.

Lincoln and Popular Culture

James Taranto, in the September 12, 2005 *Wall Street Journal*, reported a new survey of scholars ranking George Washington first in the "Greatest Presidents" category followed by Abraham Lincoln and Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

The September 21, 2005 *New York Times* included an **Associated Press** article about **Rebecca Valois**, who is one of a handful of contemporaries who became a lawyer without attending law school. California, Vermont, Virginia, and Washington still allow law readers to take bar examinations after three or four years in apprenticeships. New York, Maine, and Wyoming let those who have not graduated from law schools take bar examinations if they have a combination of office study and law school experience. The article indicates that this practice was once far more common and cites, as examples, Abraham Lincoln and Thomas Jefferson, who both read law.

Cartoonist **Chris Britt** of the Illinois *State Journal-Register* published a cartoon featuring Abraham Lincoln saying, "Remember . . . 'A house divided against itself cannot stand'" with a home in the background that is shown dividing over Springfield race issues.

Lincoln is everywhere – this time in the background of a full-page ad by **Arrow** shirts.

The Aircraft Mechanics Fraternal Association published a two-page diatribe against historian **Doris Kearns Goodwin**, calling her a "Union-buster" for her service on the Board of Directors of **Northwest Airlines**, citing Lincoln as a supporter of labor.

Sophia A. Nelson wrote "I'm Hoping Bush Can Finish What Lincoln Started" for the October 23, 2005 *Washington Post*. The author believes that when Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation he set in motion a process that **President George W. Bush** could complete by following up on his recent remarks about racial inequality.

The October 31, 2005 *Boston Globe* in "A Man Among Men – In and Out of Bed," opines that Lincoln was the "great gay emancipator."

On November 18, 2005, **Joshua Zeitz**, a contributing editor of *American Heritage*, wrote "The Radicalism of the Gettysburg Address" indicating that, "Lincoln's speech is not only the easiest to memorize but also the most important to grasp. It has been 142 years since the President delivered his remarks at Gettysburg, but his ideas continue to resonate."

On November 28, 2005, **David Gelerntner** wrote "Abraham Lincoln's Thanksgiving: Of Puritans, Prayer, and the Capitol Dome" for *The Weekly Standard*. The author discussed the four themes that were present when Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a national day of thanksgiving on April 11, 1865 – two days after the Civil War virtually ended with General Robert E. Lee's surrender at Appomattox and four days before the President was murdered. Thanksgiving itself is theme number one. It was President Lincoln who declared a national Thanksgiving Day on the fourth Thursday of November 1864 and it has always been so since. The author's second theme is the Capitol dome, which was left unfinished when the Civil War began in 1861. The dome was finished in 1864 and the great statue, *Liberty*, placed on top - - many Americans seeing the work as a symbol of the North's resolve to win the Civil War. The third theme focused on the day Lincoln appeared on the White House balcony on April 11, 1865 with the City of Washington brightly lit. Lincoln's speech was, itself, the fourth theme. Louisiana ratified the Thirteenth Amendment abolishing slavery and the question remained whether it should be allowed back into the Union immediately. Lincoln said yes as, "He, from Whom all blessings flow, must not be forgotten. A call for a national Thanksgiving is being prepared, and will be duly promulgated."

"And that ended Lincoln's career – as a great American, savior of the Union, liberator of the slaves. Our greatest President, who spoke repeatedly of the nation's duty to thank God."

Aileen Jacobson wrote about the new books, films, and TV works that re-explore "Lincoln's grip on the U.S. Soul" in the December 12, 2005 *Newsday*.

Mackubin Thomas Owens wrote "War and Peace: Lincoln and Bush on Vigilance and Responsibility" for the December 23, 2005 *Weekly Standard*. In defending President Bush's actions authorizing the National Security Agency to intercept the international communications of people with known links to Al Qaeda, the author describes the growing tension in America between "vigilance and responsibility." The author believes that today, when the United States is the "target of those who would destroy it," President Bush is correctly taking his bearing from Abraham Lincoln, who understood, "that in time of war, prudence dictates that responsibility must trump vigilance.... If those responsible for the preservation of the republic are not permitted the measures to save it, there will be nothing left to be vigilant about."

Boston Globe editorial writer Robert Kuttner believes that President George W. Bush's " . . . entire presidency is about eking out narrow victories, not about building national consensus." So, in the December 24 issue, Kuttner offers President Bush a copy of Doris Kearns Goodwin's ". . . splendid study of Lincoln and his cabinet, *Team of Rival*." For Kuttner, Bush, "lives in a bubble" and is protected by an inner circle that keeps realities away. Abraham Lincoln, by contrast, had the confidence to reach out to critics and seek divergent viewpoints. As Goodwin demonstrates, Lincoln had the "sheer genius at winning the trust and affection of rivals." Reading Goodwin's book, he argues, one has to believe that our nation, in a new birth of freedom, "will survive even George W. Bush."

Necrology

Maury A. Bromsen, antiquarian, book seller, and major collector of books and manuscripts, including *Abraham Lincoln*, died on October 11, 2005.

Assassination

John Lockwood's "Stanton a Murder Target? Possible Assassin Was at Secretary's Doorstep" appeared in the October 22, 2005 *Washington Times*.

James L. Swanson's *Manhunt: The 12-Day Chase for Lincoln's Killer* has been published by **William Morrow**. **Harrison Ford** will star in the movie version for **Walden Media**.

The December 5, 2005 *Newsweek* contained **Nick Summers's** blurb about Dr. Samuel Mudd, who set the broken leg of John Wilkes Booth on April 15, 1865, indicating that while his role has not yet been cast, the producers of the **Harrison Ford** movie thriller *Manhunt* will portray Mudd as being a part of the discarded plot to kidnap Lincoln. The movie is due in 2007.

Frederick Hatch wrote "Lincoln the Tyrant?" for his December 2005 *Journal of the Lincoln Assassination*. Also included in this issue were "The Unwritten History of the Assassination of Abraham Lincoln" by **Richard Mitchell Smoot** originally published in 1908, a biography of Thomas "Tad" Lincoln, and Part V of **Joel Chandler Harris's** "The Kidnapping of President Lincoln," as well as a Lincoln assassination reading list.

The Surratt Society of Clinton, MD presented the conference, *Crime of the Century: Part II*, March 31-April 20, 2006. Presenters included **William L. Richter** ("Out of the Sahara of the Bozart: The Political Thought of John Wilkes Booth"); **Steven G. Miller** ("Boston Corbett, A Reevaluation"); **Steven Lee Carson** ("Mary and Robert Lincoln – Assassinations Aftermath"); **James L. Swanson** ("Women of the Assassination"); **Thomas and Debra Goodrich** ("Hemp & Hell – America's Reaction to Lincoln's Assassination"); **Edward Steers, Jr.** ("I Have the Honor to Report: The Lincoln Conspirators' Jailer"); and **Emily Lapisardi** performing as Confederate spy Rose O'Neal Greenhow.

The Civil War Times, *America's Civil War*, and *American History* published a 140th anniversary assassination special edition, *Lincoln: Assassination and Aftermath* featuring "Web of Deception" by **Michael W. Kauffman**; "The Simple Conspiracy" by **William Hanchett**; "The Confederate Connection" by **Edward Steers, Jr.**; "Repercussions of the Richmond Raid" by **Stephen W. Sears**; "A Silent Gloom Fell Upon Us Like a Pall" by **Jeffrey D. Wert**; "Travel: Chasing Booth" by **Stuart Lutz**; "The Rubber Room" by **Harold Holzer** and **Frank Williams**; and "A Fitful Night's Sleep" by **Candace Fleming**.

Edward Steers, Jr. has edited *The Trial: The Assassination of President Lincoln and the Trial of the Conspirators* (**University Press of Kentucky**).

Petula Dvorak wrote about the donation by a Virginia family of one of the carve-back, cane-parlor chairs that was taken from **Ford's Theatre** presidential box when the theatre was converted to an office building in "VA Family Donates Relic to Ford's Theatre" for the December 12, 2005 *Washington Post*.

Works in Progress

Norman F. Boas has nearly completed his **Lincoln Biographical Dictionary**. Written for the collector, it is chock-full of information about Lincoln and his contemporaries prior to the 1860 presidential election.

John C. Waugh is at work on a new book, *Lincoln on the Road to Disunion*, to be published by Harcourt. The book tracks the Union's road to disunion using Abraham Lincoln as the author's central figure. It will open with the first thing Lincoln ever said publicly about slavery – his and Dan Stone's resolution in the Illinois legislature in 1837 – up to the firing on Fort Sumter in the death of Stephen A. Douglas. A very strong element in the book is the story of the 25-year personal and political relationship of Lincoln and Douglas, climaxing, of course, in their great debates of 1858 and the election of 1860.

Keya Morgan is at work on *Grant in Photographs* which will contain nearly 300 images of General/President Grant.

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